SEELEY LAKE RURAL FIRE DISTRICT SEELEY LAKE, MT 59868 REGULAR BOARD MEETING Minutes For February 21, 2023

Present

Absent

Scott Kennedy, Chair Rita Rossi, Secretary Jon Kimble

Gary Lewis, Vice Chair Connie Clark

Dave Lane, Chief

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chief Dave Lane led everyone in the pledge of allegiance. Chairman, Kennedy thanked all volunteers & staff for their service.

II. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Scott Kennedy, Rita Rossi, Jon Kimble, Alvis Miller, Devon Gatewood, Caitlyn Carabellefe, Darlene Les, Steve & Melanie Larmour, Chuck & Jenn Kaiser, Lynnette Allen, Shirley Goudzwaard, John & Michele Baker, Susan Monahan, Andi Bourne and Dave Lane.

- III. CORRECTION AND/OR APPROVAL OF MINUTES

 <u>RITA</u> Made a motion to approve the December 2022 Minutes. <u>JON</u> seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.
- IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA/CORRESPONDENCE

Shirley Goudzwaard questioned Board duties that we're only here for the financial part of the fire department and are they involved in the hiring process. Chairman Kennedy responded with hiring of personnel is the responsibility of the fire chief and referred her to MT Annotated Codes for all Board duties and responsibilities. Shirley was wondering why a person in town who was a qualified or overqualified (PA) and asked to join the department was denied. Shirley also questioned Kristy Pohlman's rejection letter. Shirley thinks the website should be changed.

Dave Lane – Letter thanking us for our response. Wilcox family made a generous donation.

V. FINANCIAL REPORT AND APPROVAL OF CHECKS AND WARRANTS JON Made a motion to approve the December 2022 financial report in the amount of \$34,467.07 and January 2023 in the amount of \$24,118.52. RITA seconded the motion. Motion carried Yes

VI. REPORTS

- 1. Call Volume 2022/YTD Dec 2021 Dec 2022 Jan 2023 362 18 19 18 12
- 2. Recruitment Dave 4 recruits of which 2 are pinned tonight. 2 still working on task books and 1 being drug tested.
- 3. Grants Update Received reimbursement for the RFC grant of \$3,000. for wildland equipment. Still waiting on the ELKs grant for extrication equipment. Steve Larmour is working on another avenue to get funding.
- 4. Updates/Actions John Baker still in school will be done in July.
- 5. Membership Report John Baker -Membership is up and we're discussing the 4th of July breakfast. Training is going well.
- VII. OLD BUSINESS
- VIII. NEW BUSINESS: (BRIEF MEMBER/PUBLIC COMMENTS AFTER TOPICS AS NECESSARY)
 Badge pinning for Devon Gatewood & Chuck Kaiser
- IX. NEXT MONTH AGENDA ITEMS
 February 2023 Financial report
- X. ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING: March 21, 2023

 Motion to adjourn <u>RITA</u> and <u>JON</u> seconded. Meeting adjourned 6:15pm